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Title: REMOTE METHOD  
INVOCATION WITH  
SECURE MESSAGING IN  
A DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING  
ENVIRONMENT

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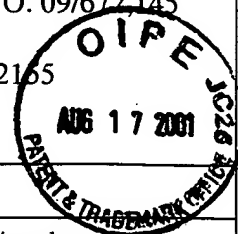
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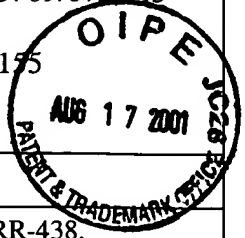
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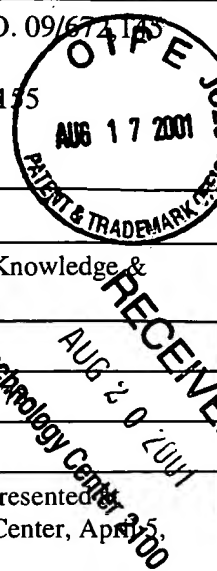
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